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- 2 Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
- 3) Information Disclosure Citation (PTO Form 1449) and copies of cited
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- 4) Acknowledgement post card to be date-stamped and returned to Paul
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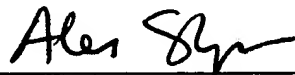
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Applicants submit copies of the following documents listed on the enclosed Patent and Trademark Office - Form 1449 "List of Patents and Publications for Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement."

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PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER REFERENCES

Southco Inc., Latches and Access Hardware, Handbook 45 (1995), pages F-2, E-2 through E-15, front and back covers. The Southco C-2 latch has pawl motion, and remains in-plane. The Southco E3 latch provides compression between a door and a frame.

The present invention is believed patentable and unobvious over each of these references individually, or taken in any combination, including combination with art previously made of record.

The individual making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of:

- 1) the information supplied by the inventors, and
- 2) an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application.

The Examiner may find the enclosed documents relevant to the invention of the present application.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the cited references and to make the cited references of record in the case.

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